

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2005-204-C and 2006-99-C – ORDER NO. 2006-404

JULY 10, 2006

IN RE: Docket No. 2005-204-C – Petition for	)	ORDER GRANTING
Extended Calling Area from Bluffton/Sun	)	ORAL ARGUMENTS
City Hilton Head Area to Hilton Head	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
Docket No. 2006-99-C – Petition of Bluffton	)	
Telephone Company and Hargray Telephone	)	
Company to Implement Extended Area	)	
Service.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on Motion of the South Carolina Cable Television Association (SCCTA) for oral arguments in the referenced pending proceedings.

On June 28, 2005, the Commission established Docket No. 2005-204-C for an investigation of an extended calling area of Hargray Communications and its affiliated companies in the Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head area to Hilton Head Island. On April 3, 2006, Bluffton Telephone Company and Hargray Telephone Company (the Companies) filed an Extended Area Service (EAS) plan with the Commission (Docket No. 2006-99-C) citing that the need for the requested extended calling area in the Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head area to Hilton Head Island would be negated because the Companies' EAS plan would be a simple, comprehensive, long term solution for the extended calling area

plan requested in Docket No. 2005-204-C. For efficiency in making determinations in the dockets and for hearing purposes, the Commission consolidated Docket No. 2005-204-C and Docket No. 2006-99-C.<sup>1</sup>

On May 15, 2006, the SCCTA filed a Petition to Intervene in the extended calling area proceedings. The Companies filed a Response and Objection to SCCTA's Petition to Intervene on May 22, 2006. Thereafter, the SCCTA on June 2, 2006, filed a Reply to Response and Objection of Bluffton & Hargray and Motion for Oral Arguments. To address the Companies' objection to SCCTA's Petition to Intervene, the SCCTA moves that the Commission schedule oral arguments on the matter.

The Commission believes that oral arguments will aid in our examinations and deliberations. We hereby direct the Commission Staff to schedule the date and time for oral arguments to be held regarding South Carolina Cable Television Association's Petition to Intervene and Bluffton Telephone Company's and Hargray Telephone Company's Objection to South Carolina Cable Television Association's Petition to Intervene.

---

<sup>1</sup> See Commission Order No. 2006-261, dated April 26, 2006.

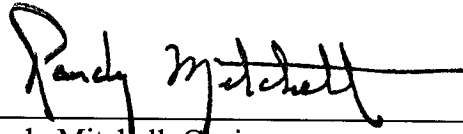
JULY 10, 2006

PAGE 3

---

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Mitchell", written over a horizontal line.

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. O'Neal Hamilton", written over a horizontal line.

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

(SEAL)